

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RE:

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

OPERATING ORDER 98-3<sup>1</sup>

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I

Beginning September 1, 1998, cases which are filed under Title 11 of the United States Code on and after that date are to be assigned by the clerk as follows:

1. Columbia Division:

All Chapter 7 cases	Judge John E. Waites
One-half Chapter 11 cases	Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis
One-fourth Chapter 11 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
One-fourth Chapter 11 cases	Judge John E. Waites
All Chapter 12 cases	Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis
All Chapter 13 cases	Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis

2. Charleston Division Cases:

All Chapter 7 cases	Judge John E. Waites
One-half Chapter 11 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
One-half Chapter 11 cases	Judge John E. Waites
All Chapter 12 cases	Judge John E. Waites
All Chapter 13 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop

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<sup>1</sup>This order supersedes Operating Order 97-1, filed August 8, 1997

3. Spartanburg Division Cases:

All Chapter 7 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
One-half Chapter 11 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
One-half Chapter 11 cases	Judge John E. Waites
All Chapter 12 cases	Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop
All Chapter 13 cases	Judge John E. Waites

4. A case in which Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis has a conflict is to be assigned to Judge John E. Waites.

5. A Columbia Division case in which Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop has a conflict is to be assigned to Chief Judge J. Bratton Davis.

6. A Charleston or Spartanburg Division case in which Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop has a conflict is to be assigned to Judge John E. Waites.

7. A case in which Judge John E. Waites has a conflict is to be assigned to Judge Wm. Thurmond Bishop.

II

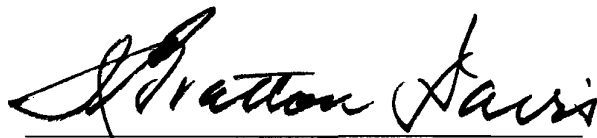
In all divisions, a case converted from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7 shall remain with the originally assigned judge.

III

In his discretion, for the effective administration of a case, any one of the undersigned judges may take such action as he deems appropriate in that case, regardless of the case assignment.

IV

The basic consideration of this case assignment system is the equitable distribution of the caseload and the avoidance of judge shopping; therefore, this order will be reviewed annually so that equalizing adjustments to the assignment of cases may be made, if necessary, on the basis of the most recent case filing statistical data.



J. BRATTON DAVIS, CHIEF JUDGE



WM. THURMOND BISHOP, JUDGE



JOHN E. WAITES, JUDGE

Columbia, South Carolina

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1998